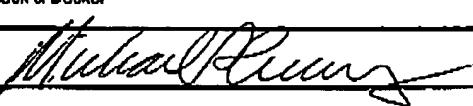


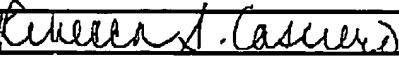
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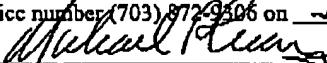
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Sir:

In the Action dated May 18, 2005, the Examiner required the election of one of the following species:

- Species of Figures 1-5
- Species of Figures 6-8
- Species of Figures 9-12
- Species of Figures 13-15
- Species of Figure 16
- Species of Figures 17 and 18

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the election requirement. As the Examiner has noted, Claim 1 is generic and is the only independent claim. Furthermore, the modifications to the basic planer design incorporated into the embodiments of Figs. 13-15, Fig. 16, and Fig. 17-18, should require minimal additional searching and analysis. Under the Patent Act and the rules of patent practice, if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without

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serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it may include claims to distinct or independent inventions. MPEP § 803.

Nevertheless, the Examiner has advised Applicant that a response to the restriction requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected, and a listing of all claims readable thereon. Therefore, the Applicant elects the Species of Figures 1-5. Claims 1, 3, and 5 read on the elected Species of Figs. 1-5.

Claim 2 reads on the Species of Figs. 13-15.

Claim 4 reads on the Species of Fig. 16.

Claims 6-13 reads on the Species of Figs 17-18.

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